

# THE DIAMOND DRILL

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## SMALL SHIPPERS WILL SUFFER

DEPLETION OF LAKE FLEET MEANS  
HARDSHIP FOR INDEPENDENT

BIG BOATS STAY ON LAKES

All boats under 47½ feet in width  
Will be Taken to the Seaboard  
by the U. S. Government

Contrary to general understanding there isn't going to be any general requisitioning of the ore fleet of the great lakes this fall. The reason is that the large boats cannot be taken through the Welland canal. Only boats under a beam measurement of 47½ feet will be taken to the ocean. It has been quite generally supposed that the big bulk of the lake fleet would go to the ocean trade this fall, and if the new locks of the Welland canal were completed it is probable that they would be taken out but the war caused a suspension of work on the new Welland locks, so that the old canal is the only available way through which the boats can be handled.

### Package Freight Boats Gone.

Mr. J. H. McFadden, who is with the New York Central lines, and was formerly in charge of the boat end of the concern explained to a representative of The Diamond Drill a few of the kinks in the transportation business brought about by the great war.

"The independent is the man who is going to suffer next year," said Mr. McFadden. "The big fellows who have their own boats and whose boats are so large that they cannot be taken through the Welland canal. The length boat can be taken thru there as they simply cut the long ones in two and bulkhead the sections, but they can't do that with the boats that are too wide."

"There is a lot of boats building or contemplated just now, but since the government took hold of the country's shipping, the shipyards will not build boats, the size of which is not approved by the government, so that it is doubtful if there is going to be much relief to the depleted lake fleet until the war is over with."

### About Forty to Go.

Mr. McFadden said that so far 25 boats have been taken, and his understanding is that about forty boats in all will be the toll which the government will take from the lake fleet. He doubts that these boats will be returned to the lake trade next year and thinks that the package freight business, excepting by the very large boats, will be practically suspended on the lakes next year.

It is understood that the boats taken from the lakes are to be placed in the coast wise trade and that boat show in the coast trade will go into the cross ocean trade, but there is nothing certain about it.

### Sees Big Business for Years.

In speaking of the prospects for the boat building business after the war, Mr. McFadden said that the outlook is for an immense business for five or six years as the toll taken from the world fleet will necessitate an enormous building program.

The lake fleet has been called upon to handle an ever expanding trade with a decreasing number of boats and it will take several years for lake boat men to catch up with their business as well as the ocean boat men.

### MOUNTED TROOPS HERE.

A squad of mounted men in the state constabulary passed through during the week to join their brethren at Bessemer. The men had been in camp at Negaunee since the threatened trouble up there last summer.

They marched from Negaunee to Bessemer stopping enroute at various places. They arrived at Crystal Falls about 4 o'clock on Friday and went into camp at the Great Western. During the evening they paraded on Sunset Avenue and attracted a lot of attention.

The men are almost all old national guard or discharged regular army men and made a good appearance.

## RED CROSS MEETING.

Annual Meeting of Iron County Chapter Was Held Last Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the Iron County Chapter of the Red Cross was held in the court house in Crystal Falls last Tuesday afternoon. The meeting brought a large attendance from Iron River, mostly women interested in the work.

It was expected that new officers would be chosen, but the laws of the association state the officers will not be elected until 1918 so the only election that took place was that of directors.

All of the old directors were chosen again including Leigh C. Caswell, A. H. Pohland, Mrs. E. C. Bowers and Mrs. M. S. McDonough. These directors will hold for two years.

The annual audit of the affairs of the chapter was made by W. J. Reynolds of this city and his statement showed that there are 1621 members of the Iron County Chapter of which number 1,351 are annual members.

The total collections of county funds amounted to \$1,802.70, and of this amount \$865.50 was sent to the National Red Cross on membership dues.

A letter was read from the national association giving the names of about five residents of Crystal Falls who had sent dues into the National Association expecting that they held membership in that association instead of the Iron County Chapter. The secretary of the National Association wrote to the secretary of the Iron County Chapter giving the names of these persons and instructing the secretary to enroll them in the Iron County chapter. Any person desiring membership in the Red Cross must hold his membership in the county chapter if one exists. The National Association kept the money sent in by these people for dues.

The war fund collections and subscriptions to October 1st showed up as follows:

Subs. in Iron county \$11,612.30  
Paid in to Oct. 1. 6,414.00  
Balance to collect 5,198.30

There was considerable discussion on the knitting question. Iron River and Crystal Falls were both given the same amount of work to do. It was pointed out by Chairman Richards that the greater population at Iron River and Stambaugh warrants more work being done over there and so the ladies consented to do a larger proportion of the work. They have done splendidly so far, much better in proportion than Crystal Falls has done and in explanation of the largeness here it was stated that under a false impression some organizations have been doing work and sending it out of the county. This work eventually gets into the hands of the National Association, the difference being that organizations in other places get the credit that should be given to Iron county.

In order to bring about a changed condition it was agreed to appoint a committee to wait upon the members of these organizations and endeavor to show them the injustice which they are bringing to their home town by this procedure. In the discussion of this subject it was explicitly set forth that the organizations must not be charged with obstructing work as all but a few of the members are working with the Red Cross and contribute some of the best workers.

It is hoped to speed up the work here and get Iron county's quota of work out very shortly now.

### HE'S GOT A BIG JOB.

In order to bring about a better utilization of its facilities, the Western Union Telegraph company has decided to station a district manager in the upper peninsula, with headquarters at Marquette. Herbert C. Hubel has been appointed to the newly created position, which gives him immediate supervision over all the Western Union offices in the upper peninsula. He will confer with local managers, inspecting offices, service, etc. In order that steps may be taken to meet more closely if possible, the telegraph requirements of business houses and the public generally. Mr. Hubel was a caller at local office last Thursday.—Press.

Mr. Hubel can spend considerable of his time profitably in Crystal Falls, for the service which the Western Union is giving here is about the rottenest thing imaginable; in fact we would be about as well off without any W. U. office at all.

## PREPARING FOR POTATO SHOW

COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND PROGRAMS ARE OUT

COUNTY SHOW IMPORTANT

Upon it Depends a Great Deal of  
the Activity in Potato Culture in  
Iron County Next Year

The convention of the boys' and girls' clubs of the upper peninsula together with the county potato show which will be held in Crystal Falls is attracting a great deal of attention from our people all over the city.

During the week Chairman Bridges of the Business Men's Association selected his committee to take hold of the work of preparing for this show.

### General Program of Meeting.

The general program for the meeting of the boys and girls was issued during the week by "County Agent Hoopingarner and is as follows:

**Committee.**  
Geo. W. Rowell, Jr., Marquette;  
J. W. Weston, Marquette;  
R. N. Kebler, Marquette;  
R. G. Hoopingarner, Crystal Falls;  
John Mason, Crystal Falls.

### Program, Thursday Nov. 15.

11:30—Address of Welcome, John Mason  
Response, J. W. Weston  
2:00—The purpose of the Boys' and Girls' Potato Show, R. N. Kebler

2:30—Garment Making and Home making, Miss M. Justin  
3:00—How Club Work has helped Me, Two Potato Club Boys

3:20—The Rural Problems, E. C. Lindemann  
4:00—Games, Contests, Yells and Songs.

### Evening Session.

(Club Members, Teachers of Iron County.)  
6:30—Banquet, E. C. Lindemann toastmaster.

**Friday, November 16.**  
8:30—Setting up exercises on Court House lawn.  
9:00—Judging Potatoes, Members of Potato Clubs

10:30—Reading of Prize Essays, Members taking first place on quality, cost of production and yield.

11:00—Criticism by Judges.  
11:30—Presentation of prizes.  
1:30—Club work and the County Agent, R. G. Hoopingarner (Continued on Page Five.)

### "WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE."

"When Dreams Come True," which comes to our city on Thursday, October 18th, in the New City Hall theater, is by Philip Bartholomae, author of the two farcical successes "Ove, Night" and "Little Miss Brown." The author has indicated the same originality in the book of "When Dreams Come True" as he has in his farces. He recounts the story of a wealthy young man, a New Yorker, who awakens to find his allowance cut off on account of his adventures with a French dancer.

The first act is on shipboard, and shows the boy returning for the parental scolding, as a steamer passenger. This setting lends itself to many singing numbers, the first ensemble, showing a chorus of emigrants of all nationalities indulging in their native songs and pastimes.

A smuggling plot is interwoven in the story to which the "dream girl" is an innocent party. All sorts of trouble is heaped upon the pair, until dreams come true in the final act. Lawrence Ackerman is the principal of the cast, and will be supported by a most capable company of musical comedy artists, a large and efficient chorus of sprightly young girls will sing, dance and wear some of the most stunning costumes that have ever graced a musical comedy.

The score is by Silvio Hein, who has attained much success as a composer of light operas. The principal singing numbers are "Come Along to the Movies," "When Dreams Come True," "You, Dear, You," and "Love is Such a Funny Little Feeling." Reserved seats will be on sale at Jacob Bros. Jewels store where it will pay you to make your reservations early to secure choice seats.

## STARTED SOMETHING.

Interview on Red Cross Matters Brought Out Lots of Comment.

The Diamond Drill phone was kept fairly busy this week answering calls regarding the interview which a reporter had with a member of the local chapter of the Red Cross and which was published in last week's issue.

A large number of the ladies were agreed with the speaker, and stated that something must be done to get things speeded up. Others, only a few, took very pronounced exceptions to the statements made claiming that they were overdrawn.

One lady in commenting on the conditions here said that the conditions need an airing; that the entire cause of this lethargy is due to some petty jealousies and personal ambitions that ought to be left out in affairs of this kind.

"If all the work that is being done here was done for Crystal Falls, the local unit wouldn't be behind," she continued. "We have women working on Red Cross work here and sending the work to Milwaukee so that Milwaukee instead of Crystal Falls is getting the credit. It would be all right if the women that are doing this would confine themselves to sending their own work there, but they insist upon influencing others to send their work there also. It seems to me that local pride ought to keep these women from 'knocking' their own town, as they certainly do when they work for Milwaukee instead of Crystal Falls; Wisconsin instead of Michigan."

Another lady said to us, "The trouble is that there is being more talk done than work. Talking about knitting doesn't knit. It's only when you get down and work the needles that knit goods result. To knit takes time. If it's worth the effort it is worth making sacrifices and one of the sacrifices that I think the Crystal Falls women should make is to curtail social functions during this war." Another lady said to us, "Whoever your correspondent was, she started something that I hope will bring good results. The women of this city need a stirring up and I think that if these petty differences are shown up in their real light, there are a concentration of effort and Crystal Falls will hold its end with any other place."

The interviews are printed, not to stir the animals up, but, if possible, to arouse our women friends to see the bad name that they are giving their community by their "knackerism" and that a harmonious, united effort to do justice by the place in which we live will result.

## LIES OF GERMAN SPIES.

Stories About Red Cross Abuse of Confidence Traced to Pro-Germans.

Several times of late we have heard stories about Crystal Falls to the effect that goods prepared by the local chapters of the Red Cross have been sold to the soldiers or to civilians. One can never find out the source of these lies and they became so persistent that the federal authorities took up the matter and traced them to German spy agencies.

Everyone who circulates these lies is helping the propagation of a campaign instigated by German authorities to bring the Red Cross into disrepute and thus cause hardships to our soldier boys and disension among our people.

These stories were so persistently circulated that the officers of the Red Cross had to take the matter up and make an investigation and it was soon disclosed that the source of the stories were German spies and pro-Germans who seek to aid the central powers. The national officers of the Red Cross ask that the people disregard these stories and credit them to their proper source.

## W. R. C. CONVENTION.

The 22nd annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps at Crystal Falls, Michigan, October 16. An informal reception will be held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Thomas Conlin for the delegates and members. All members are requested to be present at all the meetings. "Do your bit" to make this convention a success.

## MRS. M. ROWLEY, President.

Mrs. Scadden was chosen instructor by unanimous vote. The officers chosen are:  
Captain—Ester Holmes;  
First Lieut.—Hinda Ruwich.  
Second Lieut.—Gunnith Anderson.  
Orderlies—Mercedes Garsky and Martha Bauer.  
The meetings of this auxiliary will be held on Friday evenings in the Red Cross headquarters.

## MARKET DAY EVERY SATURDAY

ATTENDANCE WAS SMALL BUT  
SALES WERE VERY GOOD

FARMERS WERE SURPRISED

Thought That They Couldn't Sell  
Potatoes and Found a Ready  
Market For All

The first market day last Saturday was not as well patronized by either the farmers or the townspeople as it was expected the patronage would be. About ten farmers took advantage of the occasion and they found such a surprise in store for them that they went home well pleased with the results of their day's sales.

One farmer sold over \$100 worth of produce out of his wagon, and others sold from \$30 to \$75 worth of truck. A load of potatoes was snapped up so quickly after they appeared upon the market that the owner was surprised. To a Diamond Drill reporter he stated that he was told not to bring in any potatoes, for the people of Crystal Falls were loaded up with tubers and if he brought any here he would only have to bring them back again. "If I had 200 bushels I could have sold them as readily as I did these few bushels," said he.

Another farmer took orders for several loads of hay and a lot of wood during the day in addition to selling about \$65 worth of produce.

To Erick Anderson of the Columbia location belongs the honor of having the finest looking wagon of produce. He had all kinds of truck in addition to a lot of fowl, butter and eggs. His wagon certainly looked nice.

### Standard of Prices Necessary.

One of the first necessary requisites to make this market day a success is a standard of prices, and Mr. Hoopingarner intends to get right after this feature as soon as the interest of the farmers and the townspeople is evidenced in market day. A schedule of market prices will be compiled by him each week for the guidance of farmers here and at Iron River, so that when they go to town they will know what is a fair price.

One thing the farmers must learn and that is that the people will not come to the market place and pay exactly the same price for produce that they have to pay at the stores where it is delivered in response to a telephone call. The market prices must be sufficiently under the retail prices at the stores to make it an object for both sides to do business and also for the merchants to buy if they feel so disposed.

With the publishing each week of a schedule this confusion will be overcome. Last Saturday there was some question about potato prices, but the price finally settled at \$1.00 per bushel. The people are willing to pay that.

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## ORGANIZED AUXILIARY.

Ladies of the Red Cross Engages Services of Young Girls.

A junior auxiliary to the Red Cross was organized at the city hall headquarters of the Red Cross last Monday evening. Mrs. Frank Scadden and Miss Beattie Holmes were in charge of the organization which was perfected in an enthusiastic manner which forebodes efficient work by these young ladies.

The organization is composed of high school girls exclusively, among those who were charter members being: Eleanor Sanders, Marion Carter, Evelyn Conlin, Ester Richards, Gunnith Anderson, Helen Lyons, Ester Holmes, Mildred Martin, Hinda Ruwich, Mercedes Garsky and Martha Bauer.

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## MASON IN ACCIDENT.

County Commissioner Was Bumped by Marquette Car on Co. Road.

County Commissioner John Mason, was bumped into by a big car driven by Louis Malner of Marquette, last Monday. He escaped injury, but it was a miracle that he did. His car was pretty badly smashed up and has been in "dry dock" since the accident.

Mr. Mason was hurrying to meet an appointment at Iron River. He was driving just about twenty-five miles per hour, and as he rounded the corner at the Bates town hall he saw a man coming towards him on a motorcycle with a side car attached. The cycle was speeding along at a lively rate and as there was a farmer driving a horse and buggy ahead of him Mr. Mason resolved to take no chances of an accident while passing the farmer and the cycle, so he pulled in behind the farmer and slowed up so that when he caught up within a few feet of the buggy he was traveling about ten miles per hour.

Suddenly something happened. Mr. Mason says that it was a very funny feeling that came over him when the "something" occurred. He couldn't describe the feeling. All he knew was that his car was suddenly shot ahead into the farmer's buggy. His foot slipped from the break in the shock so that the clutch was thrown in and the break released. He managed to get his foot back upon the brake again before his car plowed thru the farmer's rig and stopped his car.

Imagine his surprise when he got out of his machine to see a big car behind him. The cyclist came along about the same instant and they all started an inspection of the damages. The Marquette man tried to figure up an excuse at first and said, "Why, I was signaling to get by you, didn't you hear me." By that he meant that he had signaled further back on the road. Mr. Mason replied that he had heard no signal and besides, he was running as fast as the law allowed and the man in the big car had no business signaling so long as he (Mason) kept his speed up to the law's limit.

Finally the fellow admitted that he was in the wrong and would pay the damages. Mr. Mason took his name and the number of his license, and on the fellow's promise to pay he went along.

Mr. Mason figures it out that the fellow was just in the act of trying to pass him when he (Mason) drew in behind the farmer; that the man in the big car hadn't seen the man on the motorcycle before and that when he did see him he figured that he had not time to pass the farmer and avoid a collision with the cycle, so he suddenly pulled in behind the Mason car and couldn't stop his car in time to avoid bumping into it or he lost his head and the collision was the result.

The Marquette car was going to Duluth. It was uninjured as was the farmer's rig. Mr. Mason's car being the only one affected.

## COUNTY BOARD RECESSED.

The annual meeting of the Iron county board of supervisors was called to order at the court house, last Monday morning by Chm. Richards. After organizing and appointing committees the board took a recess until today in order to allow the committees to have time in which to perform their work.

At today's session it is thought all of the work will be cleaned up where as, had the board remained in session it would have taken several days of continuous work to complete the work of this annual meeting.

## FOOT BALL.

The high school football team went to Norway last Saturday to play a return game. Several of the boys were in bad condition and things went rather differently from the first game which the boys won, 7-6. Norway put up a faster game and won 73-0, which certainly was a surprise, but the defeat was taken in good part.

Today the team plays a game with Iron River on the Forest Park Athletic field, and they promise to make a better showing and we believe they will.

It is hoped there will be a good turnout of those interested in the boys at the game.